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a drop-in polymeric pan liner having a contour fit and suitable for food service applications disposed within said pan to cover an interior surface of said pan;

said contour fit pan liner further comprising a single layer film and a pre-formed bag-shaped body independent of said pan, said pre-formed bag-shaped body comprising:

a contoured bottom edge forming a closed bottom end disposed over said pan proximate said bottom panel;

wherein said contoured bottom edge further comprises a flat bottom edge and contoured edges, wherein said flat bottom edge is joined and merged at each end with one of said contoured edges, and said contoured edges extend outward and upward from said flat bottom edge;

one or more flexible side walls extending upwardly from said contoured bottom edge, wherein said side walls and said bottom end generally cover said interior surface of said pan; and

an open top end, said top end extending upwardly beyond said pan top opening and said liner open top end being folded over said top edge of said one or more side walls of said pan;

wherein said pan liner does not have dog ears formed proximate said closed bottom end, thereby preventing entrapment of food portions; and

wherein said pan liner is capable of withstanding a temperature of about 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

2. (Amended) The pan liner system of claim 1, wherein said contoured bottom edge further comprises a single flat bottom edge and only two contoured edges.

32. (Amended) A food preparation and service system, comprising:

a standard commercial pan for both preparing and serving food, said pan comprising:

a bottom panel;

one or more side walls extending upwardly from said bottom panel, said one or more side walls each having a top edge, said top edge defining a pan top opening;

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a single layer drop-in polymeric pan liner having a pre-formed contour fit disposed within said pan to cover an interior surface of said pan during food preparation and service, said contour fit pan liner comprising:

a contoured bottom edge forming a closed bottom end disposed over said pan proximate said bottom panel, wherein said contoured bottom edge does not have dog ears, thereby reducing entrapment of food portions proximate said contoured bottom edge, said contoured bottom edge further comprising;

one flat bottom edge;

two contoured edges, wherein said flat bottom edge is joined and merged at each end with one of said contoured edges, and said contoured edges extend outward and upward from said flat bottom edge and are joined and merged at an opposite end with a side wall edge;

two flexible side walls extending upwardly from said bottom end; wherein said side walls and said bottom end generally cover said interior surface of said pan; and

an open top end, said top end extending upwardly beyond said pan top opening and said liner open top end being folded over said top edge of said one or more side walls of said pan.

34. (Amended) A food service system, comprising:

a food serving pan comprising:

a bottom panel;

one or more side walls extending upwardly from said bottom panel, said one or more side walls each having a top edge, said top edge defining a pan top opening;

a receptacle formed by said one or more side walls and said bottom panel;

a drop-in polymeric pan liner comprising a single layer film having a pre-formed bag-shaped body independent of said pan and having a contour fit disposed within said pan to cover an interior surface of said pan, said bag-shaped body comprising:

two flexible side walls joined at two side wall edges;

a contoured bottom edge that does not include dog ears forming a closed bottom end at a junction of said two flexible sidewalls, wherein said contoured bottom edge further comprises a flat bottom edge that extends in a first plane that is substantially

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parallel to a plane defined by said bottom panel of said pan and contoured edges that extend in at least one plane that is different than said first plane;

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a food holding vessel defined by said two side wall extending upwardly from said closed bottom end, wherein said food holding vessel covers said receptacle of said pan; and

an open top end, said top end extending upwardly beyond said pan top opening and said liner open top end being folded over said top edge of said one or more side walls of said pan.

36. (Amended) A food and kitchen management system, comprising:

a pan comprising:

a bottom panel;

one or more side walls extending upwardly from said bottom panel to define a receptacle for receiving and holding one or more serving of food;

a top edge on each of said one or more side walls;

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a pan top opening formed by said top edge of each of said one or more side walls;

a single layer film drop-in polymeric pan liner for preparing and serving food while disposed within said pan, and for storing remaining food portions for future use, said pan liner comprising:

a pre-formed bag-shaped body comprising:

a contoured bottom edge forming a closed bottom end disposed over said pan proximate said bottom panel;

wherein said contoured bottom edge further comprises one flat bottom edge extending in a first plane and only two contoured edges extending in opposite directions relative to ends of said flat bottom edge and in at least a second plane that is not coplanar with said first plane;

one or more flexible side walls extending upwardly from said closed bottom end;